

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office action is in response to the Amendment filed 07/14/2009. Claims 1-19, 21, 24 and 25 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-19, 21, 24 and 25 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present claims are allowable over the closest prior art reference of record: Neppl et al. (WO 2002/044235).

Corresponding to the limitations set forth in the instant claim 1, the prior art discloses a coating composition comprising 34.56 wt% of an acrylic copolymer having a hydroxyl number of 100-250, 13.44 wt% of a fluoropolymer resin, 24 wt% of Desmodur BL 3175 and 28 wt% of Vestanat B 1370. The last two species read on the claimed components C and D. However, it fails to specify the MW as well as the T_g of the acrylic copolymer. Further, it fails to teach a polyester. Since hydroxyl-functional polyacrylic is often prepared in the presence of a polyester in the field of transparent curable coating, it would not have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the prior composition to arrive at the claimed composition.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vu Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)270-5454. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5:00 (Alternating Friday Off).

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